

HC 44147 (1)

Sumner W.

~~1. Mr. Mac~~

~~2. Mr. Glihero~~

~~3. Miss Gray, A224. Elephant~~

4. Library.



BOROUGH OF ARUNDEL

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE

Medical Officer

of Health

1965



BOROUGH OF ARUNDEL

A N N U A L   R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year 1965

CONTENTS

Page

..            Introduction            ..            4

Section I            Statistics and Social Conditions            5

Section II            General Provision of Health Services            9

Section III            Sanitary Circumstances of the Area            11

Section IV            ..            Housing            ..            19

Section V            Inspection and Supervision of Food            25

Section VI            Prevalence and Control of Diseases            27

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chairman

Councillor R.J. Gibbons

Vice-Chairman

Councillor Miss M.E. Langford

The Mayor

Alderman G.H. Stevens, J.P.

Councillor H.M. Jacob, J.P.

Councillor W.L. Herington

Councillor W.J. Redman

Councillor K.N. Staines

---

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health

V.P. Geoghegan, M.D., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector, Surveyor and Engineer

H.W. Simmonds, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., C.S.I.B.

Clerical Staff

R.A. Pryke

Mrs. J.A. Hart

Telephone:

Arundel 2268 (Council)  
Chichester 85166 (Office)

Health Department,  
Council Offices,  
ARUNDEL.

September, 1966.

TO: His Worship the Mayor,  
Aldermen and Councillors  
of the BOROUGH OF ARUNDEL.

---

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Eighteenth Annual Report on the health of the Borough and the work of the Public Health Department during the Year 1965.

I wish to express my thanks to Members of the Council for their help, and to Mr. H.W. Simmonds, your Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, who has supplied most of the material for the Report.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

V.P. GEOGHEGAN

Medical Officer of Health.

## INTRODUCTION

Reference is made in the body of the report to the antiquated and insufficient sewage disposal system in the town. At a time when the pollution of coastal waters is a subject continually in the public eye, when a neighbouring seaside town has failed to obtain Ministry approval for a costly scheme by which macerated but otherwise untreated sewage was to be deposited in the sea, it is important once more to emphasize that the sewage from the greater part of Arundel is untreated and passes to the sea via the river Arun.

The only solution to this problem, the construction of a modern works and the laying of the necessary sewers, will be expensive; for an authority with a population of less than three thousand it may well seem to be prohibitively expensive. Nevertheless this is work that will have to be carried out eventually and with every year that passes the cost increases. Radical changes in local government administration may very well result when the Royal Commission now sitting reports, but whatever these changes may be, some authority or other will have to undertake this necessary work in the end.

# SECTION I.

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

This small country town on the banks of the River Arun is a shopping centre for the surrounding villages.

The population finds employment in agriculture and its ancillary industries, on the Norfolk Estate and in the retail and catering trades encouraged by the increasing number of summer visitors.

### GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in Acres	..	..	..	2,054
Registrar-General's Estimate of Home Population:				
		Mid-Year 1964		2,670
		Mid-Year 1965		2,670
Number of Inhabited Dwellings	..	..		1,029
Rateable Value (31st December, 1965)	..	..	£	117,362
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	..	..	£	455

### VITAL STATISTICS

#### Live Births

ARUNDEL BOROUGH							Birth Rate per 1,000 population			
Total number (after adjustment for transfers)						Birth Rate per 1,000 population		West Sussex (Standardised) Districts		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegitimate				Rural	Urban	
		M	F	Number	%	Crude	Corr.			
1964	41	25	16	3	7.32	15.35	19.49	17.9	16.8	18.4
1965	46	23	23	4	8.7	17.22	21.86	18.1	16.6	18.1

#### Stillbirths

ARUNDEL BOROUGH				Rate per 1,000 total	
Total Number (after adjustment for transfers)				(live & still) births	
Year	Total	Sex		Arundel Borough	England and Wales
		M	F		
1964	-	-	-	-	16.3
1965	1	1	-	21.27	15.7



# Vital Statistics (Contd.)

## Total (live and still) Births

<u>1965</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births	..	23	23	46
Still Births	..	1	-	1
TOTAL BIRTHS	..	<u>24</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>47</u>

## Infant Mortality - Deaths of Infants under 1 year

INFANT DEATHS					RATES PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS			
ARUNDEL BOROUGH					Arundel Borough	West Sussex		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegiti- mate		R.D's.	U.D.'s.	
		M	F					
1964	-	-	-	-	-	19.6	14.4	19.9
1965	-	-	-	-	-	14.4	11.2	19.0

INFANT MORTALITY RATES - ARUNDEL BOROUGH		
Year	Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births
1964	-	-
1965	-	-

	Neo-natal Mortality (Deaths under 4 weeks)		Early Neo-natal Mortality (Deaths under 1 week)		Perinatal Mortality (Stillbirths and Deaths under 1 week combined)	
	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964
Total Deaths ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live births ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live & still births					Nil	Nil



# Vital Statistics (Contd.)

## Maternal Deaths (including Abortion)

Arundel Borough		Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total births			
Year	Total Deaths	Arundel Borough	West Sussex		England and Wales
			R.D.'s.	U.D.'s.	
1964	-	-	0.4	0.5	0.5
1965	-	-	-	0.3	0.25

## Deaths

Arundel Borough				West Sussex Districts		England and Wales	
Total Deaths (after adjustment for transfers)				Death Rates per 1,000 population		Death Rate per 1000 population	
Year	Total	Sex					
		M	F	Crude	Corr.	Rural	Urban
1964	36	18	18	13.48	9.30	13.3	13.9
1965	56	34	22	20.97	13.84	9.2	10.0

The chief causes of death were:-

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>
(i) Diseases of heart and circulatory system ..	23	12
(ii) Cancer ..	11	8
(iii) Vascular lesions of nervous system..	10	6
(iv) Respiratory diseases..	4	5

The above four causes accounted for 48 or 86% of the total deaths recorded during the year.

Of the total deaths, 43 or 77% occurred in persons aged 65 years or over.

A table showing the causes of death, ages and sex distribution is set out on page 8.

Table of Causes of Death at different periods of Life - 1965

R.G. List No.	Causes of Death	Sex	All Ages	Weeks		Y e a r s							
				0-4	5-14	15-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+			
	ALL CAUSES	M	34	-	-	1	-	1	-	9	10	13	
		F	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	19	
8	Measles	M	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
		F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
11	Ditto Lung,	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	
	Bronchus	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
13	Ditto Uterus	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
14	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
15	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	
		F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	
18	Coronary disease, angina	M	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	4	
		F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	
20	Other heart disease	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	
		F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
21	Other circulatory disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
23	Pneumonia	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
24	Bronchitis	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
27	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
32	Other defined and ill- defined diseases	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	
		F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
33	Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	

No deaths were recorded as due to: (1) Tuberculosis, respiratory;  
 (2) Tuberculosis, Other; (3) Syphilitic Disease; (4) Diphtheria;  
 (5) Whooping Cough; (6) Meningococcal Infection; (7) Acute Poliomyelitis;  
 (9) Other infective and parasitic diseases; (12) Malignant neoplasm, breast;  
 (16) Diabetes; (19) Hypertension with heart disease; (22) Influenza;  
 (25) Other diseases of respiratory system; (26) Ulcer of Stomach and  
 Duodenum; (28) Nephritis and Nephrosis; (29) Hyperplasia of prostate;  
 (30) Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion; (31) Congenital malformations;  
 (34) All other accidents; (35) Suicide; (36) Homicide and operations  
 of war.

## Section II.

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

#### Hospitals:

The hospitals providing accommodation and treatment for residents of the Borough are administered by the South-West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, and are as follows:-

Hospital	Telephone Number	Number of Beds
<u>General Hospitals:</u>		
ROYAL WEST SUSSEX HOSPITAL		
St. Richard's, Spitalfield Lane, Chichester	Chichester 82671	400
Broyle Road, Chichester	Chichester 82685	202
Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea	Shoreham 2381	411
Worthing Hospital, Lyndhurst Road, Worthing	Worthing 7282	205
Arundel and District Hospital, Chichester Road, Arundel	Arundel 3243	27
<u>Infectious Diseases Hospital:</u>		
Swandean Isolation Hospital, Arundel Road, Worthing	Swandean 1821	* 19
<u>Chest Hospitals:</u>		
Aldingbourne Chest Hospital and Chest Clinic, Norton, Near Chichester	Eastergate 2229	54
Aldingbourne Chest Hospital Annexe and Chest Clinic, Hawthorn Road, Bognor	Bognor Regis 151	45
<u>Maternity:</u>		
Zachary Merton Maternity Home, Rustington, Sussex.	Rustington 1515	54
Sussex Maternity and Women's Hospital, 80 Buckingham Road, Brighton	Brighton 25741	62
* 59 Beds also available for Geriatric Cases		

## General Provision of Health Services (Contd.)

Examinations carried out for this Authority by the Public Health Laboratory at Portsmouth during 1965 were as follows:

Swimming Pool Water	..	3
Water - Public Main Supply	..	7

## Ambulances

The Local Health Authority (the West Sussex County Council) provides an ambulance service with ambulances operating from Littlehampton. The same Authority provides a hospital car service in the area.

## Home Nursing and Midwifery

The West Sussex County Council provides nursing services.

All nursing staff in the Arundel area are attached to General Practitioners.

## Treatment Centres and Clinics

### Held at:

Audiology	-	Chichester
Infant Welfare Centres	)	Arundel,
Ante-Natal Clinics	)	Chichester
School Clinics (Minor Ailments)	)	and
Eye Clinics	)	Littlehampton
Orthopaedic Clinic	-	Littlehampton
Speech Therapy Clinic	-	Littlehampton and in schools
Chest Clinic	-	Aldingbourne Chest Hospital
Venereal Diseases Clinics	-	Worthing Hospital, and Royal West Sussex Hospital, St. Richard's, Chichester.



### SECTION III.

#### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

##### Water Supply

The water supply for the Borough comes from a borehole and well situated off Mill Road near Swanbourne Lake. It is pumped unfiltered to reservoirs in Arundel Park and Herons Wood. All water is chlorinated at the Waterworks before distribution.

Every house in the Borough has a piped water supply.

Seven specimens of chlorinated water from consumers taps were submitted for bacteriological examination during the year and all were found to be of satisfactory purity. No samples were submitted for full chemical, mineral and bacteriological examination.

As mentioned in my Annual Report for 1964, the Borough's Water Undertaking was taken over by the Worthing Corporation on the 1st April, 1965.

In addition the Duke of Norfolk's own private Water Undertaking, which supplies parts of the Borough and areas in the neighbouring Rural Districts, has also formed a part of the amalgamation.

Thus as in other Boards the "local" element disappears from this section of Local Government and becomes something more remote.

The Corporation approved the fluoridation of water supplies and have notified the West Sussex County Council to this effect.

##### Drainage and Sewerage

The Council have two sewage disposal works - a small works in Fitzalan Road on the south side of the River Arun and the main works in Ford Road on the north side. In addition, there are four small works put in by private estate developers which take drainage from 40 houses. The outfalls are to the River Arun which necessitates holding tanks as the River is tidal.

There are several other direct outfalls from the soil and surface water sewers to the River apart from the outfalls previously mentioned. The majority of these are penstock controlled, some manually and some automatic. Nearly all of these outfalls are in the old town section of the Town.

The sewers are partially separated, some rain water is received into the sewage works, the remainder into separate sewers which discharge into the River Arun.

## Drainage and Sewerage (Contd.)

The main sewage works in Ford Road do no more than act as holding chambers before the untreated sewage is discharged into the River Arun.

Adjacent authorities nearer the coast have attracted a great deal of criticism recently for putting untreated sewage straight into the sea. The case here at Arundel is that the untreated sewage finds its way to the sea by way of the River. Rectification of this very unsatisfactory method of disposal cannot be indefinitely deferred. An efficient system of sewers and a proper sewage works will have to be provided for the Town eventually, and however expensive this is going to be it becomes more expensive with every year that passes.

No major works of alteration were carried out at either of the sewage works during the year. No soil sewers were laid during the year, but some 80 yards of 12" storm water sewer was laid.

Back flooding of the soil and storm water sewers again took place in several parts of the Town. This was again due to high tides which occasionally lock the various outfalls, and also to faulty penstocks. Three penstocks to the sewer outfalls were renewed during 1965. Routine flushing of several sewers was carried out.

There is now only one dwelling using bucket closets with soakaway drainage for sullage water. 37 other premises have water carriage sanitation and either run to cesspools, septic tanks or soakaways. All these premises are situated in positions which make it impossible to connect to a sewer, or where main drainage is not available.

No cesspool or pail closet emptying is carried out by the Corporation.

### Public Conveniences

The Corporation owns two buildings housing public conveniences, one on the Town Quay (Ladies and Gentlemen) and the other in Mill Road (Ladies only).

Both are satisfactorily maintained and have facilities for the washing of hands.

### Rivers and Streams

No action was necessary to check pollution of streams in the area. A varying number of vessels are moored to wharves on the River Arun. These craft are mainly for Summer use and the number of moorings used continues to increase.



## Public Cleansing

The collection of household refuse throughout the Borough is carried out weekly by the Corporation and trade refuse is also removed by agreement. Four men are fully engaged on refuse collection and disposal.

The partial salvage of waste paper and scrap metals has continued during the year, and the following materials were salvaged and sold during 1965:-

	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	Revenue		
				£.	s.	d.
Waste Paper	1	8	-	5	3	6
Non-ferrous metals		4	2½	12	19	8
Ferrous metals	2	-	-	10	-	-
Total	3	12	2½	£ 28	3	2

The in-fill of the lower ravine in Canada Road, adjacent to the old tip has continued, a large quantity of soil becoming available for this purpose during the year.

Tipping has continued satisfactorily at the Chichester Road quarry tip. This was largely due to a fairly plentiful supply of soil for covering becoming available. Disposal of refuse is carried out by "controlled tipping" and one employee is engaged full-time on the tip for this purpose. Every effort is made to keep the potential menace of flies and rats on the tip under control by regular spraying and treating.

The Council continued to give assistance to the West Sussex County Council in the clearance of snow and dealing with icy conditions on all roads in the Borough. The scavenging of County Roads has also continued, as well as the routine emptying of street gullies in the District Roads.

## Clean Air Act, 1956

No action has been necessary.

## Eradication of Bed Bugs, Fleas etc.

No action was necessary during the year.

## Tents, Vans and Sheds

Numerous enquiries are received, particularly in the Summer months for sites for caravans and campers. Most of them find accommodation in the rural area to the South of the Borough. Observation is, however, kept on the occasional caravan camper who is found parked on the roadside verge or some other likely spot. There are now no sites licensed under the Public Health Act, 1936.

Byelaws to control Tents, Vans and Sheds have not been adopted by the Corporation.

### Swimming Pools

The Corporation owns an open air swimming pool known as the "Fitzalan Pool" situated on land given by the Duke of Norfolk. It was opened in July, 1960, and in addition to the main pool, incorporates a childrens' paddling pool, cafe, and grassed sun bathing and picnic area.

Both pools are supplied with mains water which is circulated, filtered, chlorinated and aerated through two cascades. There is a resident staff augmented by part-time assistance as and when required.

During term time the Pool was used by twelve local schools for swimming instruction.

Three samples of the pool water were submitted for bacteriological examination and were reported upon as being of the highest standard of purity.

During 1965 the Corporation acquired a further half acre of land adjacent to the pool for the purpose of extending the sun bathing and Car Park areas.

### Rats and Mice Destruction

Matters regarding rodent control are dealt with by the Council's part-time Rodent Operator. As a result of independent investigations, block control and complaints received, only a few minor infestations were discovered and needed attention. Check baiting of a number of the manholes on the foul sewers was carried out with successful results.

It was not found necessary to report any infestations during the year to either the Agricultural Executive Committee or the Sussex River Authority.

Council properties are regularly treated as a precautionary measure.

### Schools

Both schools in the Borough now have modern sanitary facilities and no alterations were carried out during the year.

### The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

The following information was supplied to the Ministry of Labour on Form O.S.R. 14, concerning the administration of this Act for the year ended 31st December, 1965:-

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963. (Contd.)

Class of Premises	Premises registered during year	TOTAL REGISTERED PREMISES 31.12.65	No. of persons employed	Premises generally inspected during year
Offices	-	11	79	20
Retail shops	4	26	105	25
W'sale shops & w'houses	-	2	3	1
Catering estab.	1	6	66	5
Fuel Storage Depots	-	2	8	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>51</b>
		<b>Males - 113</b>		
		<b>Females - 148</b>		

Factories Act, 1961.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

Premises (1)		Number on Register (2)	Number of		
			Inspection (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(1)	Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	9	3	-	-
(2)	Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	24	44	3	-
(3)	Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced (excluding outworkers) :	3	3	-	-
Totals		36	50	3	-



Factories Act, 1961 (Contd.)

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found :

Particulars  (1)	Number of Cases in which defects were found				Number of Cases where prosecutions instituted  (6)
	Found  (2)	Remedied  (3)	H.M. Inspector		
			Ref.to (4)	Ref.by (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	3	3	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temp. (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Vent. (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
San. Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	4	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	1	1	-	-	-
TOTALS	9	9	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work  (1)	No. of Outworkers in August list re- quired by Section 133 (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prose- cutions (7)
Wearing apparel- making, etc.	1	-	-	-	-	-

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS  
UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

Infectious Disease	..	..	Nil
Ice Cream Premises	..	..	1
Butchers' Shops	..	..	5
Dairies	..	..	Nil
Other Food Premises	..	..	31
Tents, Vans and Sheds	..	..	Nil
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963			51
Public Conveniences	..	..	32
Water Supplies and Appliances	..	..	33
Refuse Disposal and Tips	..	..	38
Sewage Works and Sewers	..	..	65
Building Byelaws	..	..	298
Dangerous Structures	..	..	8
Miscellaneous	..	..	156
Re-visits	..	..	101
Improvement Grants	..	..	36

Other Visits:

Council House Repairs and maintenance	..	69
Council House tenancies	..	27
District Roads	..	248
Street Lighting	..	28
Petroleum Regulations	..	9
Town Planning	..	56
Allotments	..	10
Swimming Pool	..	176
Recreation Grounds	..	148

Works and Improvements:

Houses treated for vermin	..	..	Nil
Rooms disinfected after infectious disease	..	..	Nil
Quantities of bedding disinfected	..	..	Nil
Dustbins provided	..	..	21
Drains relaid	..	..	6
Drains tested	..	..	19
Drains cleared	..	..	15
New Drains laid	..	..	13
Premises connected to main drainage	..	..	5
Premises connected to water main	..	..	6
New cesspools	..	..	2
Soil drains disconnected from Rain Water Sewer			2

### Summary:

Total number of :

Inspections made for all purposes	1,671
-----------------------------------	-------

Notices served:

(a) Informal	..	..	12
(b) Statutory	..	..	Nil
Complaints Received	..	..	35
Nuisances found and abated	..	..	18

### Interviews:

re: (a) Building Byelaws	..	50
(b) Town Planning	..	90
(c) Advertisements	..	8
(d) Housing Repairs and Tenancies		42
(e) Street Lighting..	..	8
(f) Housing - Improvement Grants		19
(g) Water	..	19
(h) Refuse collection and disposal		11
(i) District Roads	..	22
(j) Petroleum	..	2
(k) Sewers and drains	..	8
(l) Miscellaneous	..	105
Total		<u>384</u>

### Mortuary

The Corporation own and maintain a mortuary which is situated in Ford Road adjoining the Cemetery. The building is well equipped and kept in a satisfactory condition.

### Petroleum Acts

Thirteen licences for the storage of petroleum spirit were issued during 1965 and nine visits of inspection were made. The storage arrangements of applicants were found to be satisfactory. Premises licensed were as follows:

(a) Garage premises for re-sale	6
(b) Commercial and Agricultural consumers (not for re-sale)	7

### Pet Animals Act, 1951

### Rag, Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

No premises in the district are registered under these Acts.



## SECTION IV.

### COUNCIL HOUSING

#### Rehousing

Four families were rehoused by the Corporation during the year - all to fill casual vacancies occurring in existing houses.

#### Waiting List

At the close of the year the Council's list recorded 105 applicants for Council Houses.

#### Council Houses - Repairs and Maintenance

Apart from specialists work, all repairs and maintenance to the Corporation properties is carried out by direct labour.

Each house contributes £15. per annum to the Housing Repairs Fund.

In addition to repairs and maintenance, the Council operates a free issue scheme for decorating materials as they do not undertake the internal decoration of houses.

#### Pre-War Council Houses - Improvement Scheme

The Corporation own 74 pre-war dwellings, 30 being terraced houses, the rest being semi-detached three bedroomed houses. All these houses lacked modern facilities, particularly the terraced houses. At the end of 1957 the Corporation decided to effect improvements and modernise the houses without resort to the raising of a loan.

This scheme was put into effect and during 1965 the last houses were completed. The works comprised the provision of indoor sanitation, hot and cold water supply, wash basin, removal of kitchen ranges, the installation of back boilers, tiled hearths and surround, linen cupboards, electrical points etc. The basic standard aimed at providing, as far as possible, the facilities given in the modern Council House.

This scheme had been commenced prior to grants being made available to Local Authorities. However, successful application has been made to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government under the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, for standard grants in respect of 50 houses. The average cost per completed house has been approximately £200., which includes grant aided and other non grant aided improvements. Although a rent increase of 2/- per week has resulted from these improvements the general reaction of the tenants has been very favourable.

In addition to the improvement works recorded above an application was made to the Minister for a Discretionary Grant in respect of improve-

## Pre-War Council Houses (Contd.)

ments proposed in the reconditioning of an old and derelict bungalow owned by the Corporation. The application was approved and the cottage has been reconditioned and re-occupied.

## New Council Houses

No new dwellings were erected during the year.

The site works necessary for the use of the land owned by the Corporation in Jarvis Road have been completed. The Council have given consideration to the future development for this particular area and are in agreement regarding the site reserved for two shops. They are, however, of the opinion that the site reserved for a Public House would be better used for housing purposes. Town Planning application was made to obtain consent for this amendment to the Town Map. The County Council have, however, refused consent for this site to be used for housing and the Corporation has lodged an appeal with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

A scheme for the construction of 16 dwellings off Jarvis Road has been prepared and approved by the Corporation. The scheme provides for 12 flats, 4 houses and 9 garages. A tender was accepted by the Corporation and has been submitted to and approved by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. It is hoped that the works will commence early in the new year.

## Garages

Six garages were erected during the year on Council Housing Estates, making a total of 82 now owned by the Corporation.

### Summary of Housing Accommodation administered by the Corporation

#### Council Houses:

Erected pre-war	..	..	74		
Erected post-war	..	..	<u>172</u>	=	246
Holmes Foundation	..	..	6		
Almshouses	..	..	6		
Miscellaneous	..	..	<u>10</u>	=	<u>22</u>
			Total		<u>268</u>

Eight chimney fires were reported by the Fire Brigade at Council Houses. One claim was made on the Council's Insurance Company in respect of damage caused.

## Private Housing

This year was again one of good progress towards better housing conditions. Considerable works of alteration, repair and improvements to the older houses has again taken place. Since 1946 the Corporation have acquired 20 sub-standard houses with the object of demolition. Of these, 19 have been demolished and the other reconditioned, improved and re-let. The Corporation has endeavoured to continue an effective policy of demolition and closing of houses in such a condition as to be quite unfit for human habitation. During the past 17 years, 47 such houses have been demolished in the Borough and a further 26 closed.

Wherever possible, however, the Council welcomes the submission of schemes of improvement and modernisation of such buildings. By this means, 26 demolition or closing orders have been revoked and improved houses resulted.

The Corporation informed the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in August 1955, that they proposed dealing with 40 sub-standard houses in the following five years. The Minister was further informed in 1960 that the Council intended during the next five years to deal with a further 20 such premises. So far 60 of these dwellings have been dealt with as follows:

### (a) Closing Orders:

Orders made	..	..	..	14
Houses closed	..	..	..	12
Families rehoused		..	..	12
Still occupied	..	..	..	Nil
Orders revoked after reconditioning			..	3
Undertakings to recondition accepted			..	10

### (b) Demolition Orders:

Orders made	..	..	..	34
Houses demolished		..	..	17
Houses closed	..	..	..	25
Families rehoused		..	..	20
Still occupied	..	..	..	1
Orders revoked after reconditioning			..	13
Undertakings to recondition accepted			..	13

### (c) Voluntary Repair and Improvement Schemes.. 9

## Improvement Grants

The introduction of "Standard Grants" under the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, has undoubtedly stimulated interest in respect of improvement grants. This has been evident once again from the number of enquiries and applications for grants.



### Improvement Grants (Contd.)

The following is a summary of applications received and dealt with during 1965:

Grant	Number of Applicants	Number Approved	Max. Amount Approved
DISCRETIONARY - Private Houses	4	4	£ 902
Council Houses	-	-	-
STANDARD - Private Houses	3	3	465
Council Houses	-	-	-
Totals	7	7	£1367

Grant	Amount Paid	No. of Premises Improved	Owner occupied.	Facilities Provided				
				W.C.	Bath	W.H.B.	Hot Water	Larder
DISCRETIONARY								
Private	£1132	3	-	3	3	3	3	3
Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
STANDARD								
Private	905	6	2	6	6	6	6	6
Council	316	6	-	6	6	6	6	6
Totals	£2353	15	2	15	15	15	15	15

### Rent Act, 1957

No applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair under the above Act.

### New Houses - Private Enterprise

Eight houses were completed by private enterprise during the year.

Four more houses were erected and two were under construction, together with roads and services, at the end of the year, on a private estate adjoining the Borough boundary in Chichester Rural District.

This makes some 110 houses in Tortington Parish now linked with the Corporation's sewers and water mains from the Borough.

# HOUSING STATISTICS

## 1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) .. .. .	43
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	68
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses under sub-heading (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	16
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	36
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .. .. .	2
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceeding sub-headings), found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	14

## 2. Remedying of defects without service of Formal Notice:

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action taken by the Local Authority .. .. .	20
---	----

## 3. Remedying of defects with service of Formal Notice:

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of formal action taken by the Local Authority .. .. .	Nil
---	-----

## 4. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:

### (a) Proceedings under the Housing Act, 1957:

#### Demolition Orders

(i) Demolition Orders made .. .. .	Nil
(ii) Houses demolished .. .. .	1
(iii) Undertakings accepted .. .. .	1
(iv) Houses closed and awaiting demolition .. .. .	Nil
(v) Demolition Orders revoked .. .. .	Nil

#### Closing Orders

(i) Closing Orders made .. .. .	Nil
(ii) Houses closed .. .. .	1
(iii) Closing Orders revoked .. .. .	1
(iv) Undertakings .. .. .	Nil
(v) Work in progress .. .. .	Nil

Housing Statistics (Contd.)

5. Housing Act, 1956. (Overcrowding)

(a) (i)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	Nil
(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein ..	Nil
(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein ..	Nil
(b)	Number of cases of overcrowding reported ..	Nil
(c) (i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year .. ..	1
(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases ..	7
(d)	Number of cases in which dwelling houses again became overcrowded after Local Authority had taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding .. ..	Nil

Dangerous Structures - Public Health Act, 1936. Section 58

Informal notices regarding repair or renewal of eight dangerous buildings or structures were served during the year. All these notices were complied with.



## SECTION V.

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

#### Milk Supply

All the farms in the Borough are supplied with mains water, and the position at the end of the year was as follows:

Number of farms in the Borough	..	6
Number actually producing milk	..	3
Number of Dairymen (Milk Sellers)	..	3
Number of inspections made of Milk Shops		Nil
Number of contraventions found	..	Nil

No samples were submitted for biological examination.

#### The Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1960

As a result of these Regulations the duties of the Corporation regarding annual licensing and of milk sampling passed to the West Sussex County Council as the Food and Drugs Authority.

#### Meat and Other Foods

There are no longer any slaughterhouses in the Borough.

Periodic inspections of butchers' shops and vehicles have been carried out during the year as follows:

(a) Butchers' shops	..	5
(b) Vehicles	..	Nil

#### Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958

Four renewal licences to slaughter animals were granted by the Corporation during 1965. No new licences were issued.

#### Food Premises

Byelaws concerning the "Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the Open Air" were made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

There are 68 Food Premises in the Borough as follows:

Bakehouses	..	..	Nil
Butchers' shops	..	..	3
Catering establishments	..	..	16
Confectioners	..	..	12
Chemists	..	..	2
Dairies	..	..	2
Fishmongers	..	..	1
Grocers	..	..	10
Greengrocers	..	..	5

## Food Premises (Contd.)

Licensed Premises	..	..	15
Corn Stores	..	..	1
Fried Fish shop	..	..	1

Thirty-one visits of inspections were made to food premises during the year. Generally, the cafes and food shops maintained a high standard of cleanliness.

No offences under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations were observed.

### Food Condemned at Food Shops

The following foodstuffs were found to be unfit for human consumption and condemned during the year:

66 lbs. boneless beef  
1 - 4 lb. tin Pressed Ham

### Bakehouses

There are now no bakehouses in the Borough. All bread sold is imported from other districts and a large proportion is pre-wrapped.

### Ice Cream

Twenty-four premises are registered under the Food and Drugs Act for the sale of ice cream. No ice cream is manufactured in the Borough. All ice cream is sold wrapped, as delivered to the retailers by the manufacturers.

The results of ice cream samples taken by the Food and Drugs Authority for fat content are not available for inclusion in the report.

### Fried Fish Shops

There is one fish frying establishment in the Borough.

### Food Adulteration

The West Sussex County Council is the Authority responsible for the Food Adulteration Sections of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Details of the samples taken in the Borough are not available for inclusion in the report.

### Water Cress

Visits of inspection were made to the water cress beds during the year. No complaints were received.

## SECTION VI.

### PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF DISEASES

Twenty-seven notifications of Measles were received during 1965 (51 in 1964), and one notification of Scarlet Fever.

#### Cancer

Eleven deaths (7 males, 4 females) were attributed to Cancer during the year (8 in 1964).

The Cancer Death Rate for 1965 per thousand of the estimated home population is 4.12 (2.99 in 1964). The corresponding rates for the Administrative County and the Urban and Rural Districts of West Sussex are 3.0, 2.9, and 3.0, respectively.

#### Diphtheria

(a) Notifications - No cases of Diphtheria were notified during 1965, nor were any deaths registered as due to this cause.

(b) Immunisation - Immunisation against Diphtheria and other diseases is carried out either at the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics, or by the General Practitioners, and set out below are details of injections given in 1965:

Antigen	Completed Primary Courses	Reinforcing Injections
Diphtheria	48	118
Whooping Cough	48	41
Tetanus	48	118
Poliomyelitis	39	55
Totals	183	332

#### Poliomyelitis

No cases were notified to the Department during 1965. Vaccination against poliomyelitis is available to everyone up to 40 years of age. Applications are available at the Council Offices, at County Hall and at Health Centres and Welfare Clinics.

#### Smallpox

The following vaccinations were carried out during the year in children up to 15 years of age and recorded by the West Sussex County Council Health Department:

Primary	..	32
Revaccinations	..	40



## Tuberculosis

No notifications of Tuberculosis were received during 1965, nor were any deaths recorded as due to this cause.

The following table gives details of the number of cases on the notification register at the end of the year.

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total Cases		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Cases on Register 1.1.65	4	3	7	1	3	4	5	6	11
Primary Notifications 1965	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer Cases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	4	3	7	1	3	4	5	6	11
Cases removed - 1965	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Cases on Register 31.12.65	3	3	6	1	3	4	4	6	10

## Other Diseases

No notifications were received during the year of the undermentioned diseases:

Cholera	Malaria	Puerperal Pyrexia
Diphtheria	Membranous Croup	Relapsing Fever
Dysentery	Meningococcal Inf.	Smallpox
Encephalitis (Acute)	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Typhus Fever
Enteric Fever	Plague	Whooping Cough
Erysipelas	Pneumonia	Tuberculosis.
Food Poisoning	Poliomyelitis	

### Details of Notifications received of Measles, Scarlet Fever and Whooping Cough since 1956

Disease	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
Measles	27	-	85	3	42	7	-	24	57	27
Scarlet Fever	-	-	8	5	-	-	-	-	1	1
Whooping Cough	1	-	-	-	4	6	-	-	-	-



